

REMARKS

Claims 5-7, 10-16, and 25-26 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-4, 8-9, 17-24, and 27-29 are canceled. Claims 25 and 26 are amended. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 5-7 and 10-14.

Applicants also request that withdrawn claims 15 and 16 be rejoined, as they depend from allowable base claim 5.

The Examiner has also indicated that dependent claims 25-26 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. In this amendment, Applicants hereby amend dependent claims 25 and 26 to include all the limitations of the previously presented base claim 17. Accordingly, claims 25 and 26 are now in condition for allowance.

Thus, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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